

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Fred Horne, Mike Kastens, Mike Montello, Ron Volkert, David Wilford, David Tyvoll and Sarah Skinner (ex-officio)

Members Absent: MaryKay Rice

Others Present: Tanya Batchelor, Beth Thompson and Noah Wiedenfeld

Fred Horne called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Mike Montello moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mike Kastens and carried.

Mike Kastens moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on November 7, 2017, seconded by David Wilford and carried.

Public Hearing

Fred Horne declared the Public Hearing open to discuss the following: a) Amendment to Table 3 of the Zoning Ordinance to Provide for Allowance of Accredited Agriculture Education Facilities as a Conditional Use within Z1 and Z2 Districts. Noah Wiedenfeld explained the proposed Conditional Use Permit for allowing animals to be raised on land owned or leased by an accredited educational institution as part of an agriculture or science curriculum in a Z1 or Z2 District. The other part of this ordinance amendment would allow temporary keeping of goats within the City of New Richmond for removing invasive species like buckthorn, sumac, poison ivy, and garlic mustard. The acid in the goats stomachs destroy seeds that otherwise might regenerate. A private property owner could temporarily use goats to control invasive species with a permit in accordance with several provisions. The following are proposed limitations:

- 1) Limited to 30 consecutive days and no more than 60 days per year
- 2) No more than 15 goats per acre
- 3) Goats must be contained by a fence at all times
- 4) Property must be at least one acre in area
- 5) No goats would be allowed on vacant lots
- 6) The application would be reviewed and approved by the Public Works Director

Considerable discussion followed. Fred Horne declared the Public Hearing closed. Mike Montello moved to table this item and have Noah come back in January with revisions as discussed, seconded by Mike Kastens and carried.

Certified Survey Map and Site Plan from Shaun Bird

Beth Thompson explained the Certified Survey Map and Site Plan from Shaun Bird. Shaun owns two twin homes that he is requesting to build a garage between and make the parcel one. Sarah Skinner stated that Shaun was looking at this because of the hail damage to tenants vehicles this summer. Mike Montello moved to approve the Site Plan and recommend City Council approval of the CSM for 870/902 Wall Street, subject to the following conditions:

1. The CSM shall be revised to dedicate drainage and utility easements at the perimeter of the combined lot as required by Section 117-41.C of the Subdivision Ordinance, subject to review and approval of the Public Works Director.

Motion was seconded by David Tyvoll and carried.

Comprehensive Plan Existing Conditions Report

Beth Thompson gave an update on the Comprehensive plan and explained the Existing Conditions Report which needs Plan Commission and Council approval. This document will be used as a reference when creating the Comprehensive Plan document. Beth Thompson invited all Plan Commission members to the City Council work session on January 13, 2018. At this meeting, Comprehensive Plan Committee members will present information on current chapters and core values related to land use, transportation and community engagement among other areas. Mike Montello moved to approve the Existing Conditions Report, seconded by Mike Kastens and carried.

Mike Montello moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Wilford and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Tanya Batchelor
City Clerk